

OGC Has Reviewed

4 February 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Proposed Espionage Legislation

Reference: Your memorandum of 24 January 1949 re above subject

1. In the amendment as proposed in paragraph 2, the expression "...unless such knowledge or instruction..." does not provide protection for some of the people in whom we may have interest, i.e., those who received training and instruction in espionage and/or sabotage while they were citizens of a foreign country but who are now in the service of the United States. On the other hand, it does exempt from registration those individuals who have knowledge of or have received instruction in foreign services by reason of civilian or military service with the United States Government but whose service with the United States Government has ended and in whom we have no further interest.

2. To eliminate these insufficiencies, it is recommended that the clause above be changed to read: "...unless such person is in the service of the United States Government and has submitted to the proper authority within his unit a detailed written report covering the knowledge he possesses of, or the instruction he has received in, the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or tactics of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party;".

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